

How Much Could the Australia Free Trade Agreement Cost New York State Dairy Farmers?

Milk is New York's leading agricultural product, accounting for over 50% of the state's agricultural sales according to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets. Unfortunately, the Australia free trade agreement currently before the President could destabilize the dairy industry as cheap milk would flood the already depressed American dairy market. One quarter of New York's dairy farms could be forced to close down if the agreement becomes law according to the National Milk Producers Federation and dairy farmers across the state would lose \$1.6 billion over the nine years of the agreement. ***For a county-by-county breakdown of how much New York dairy farmers stand to lose, please see the following report.***

The Capital Region: There are 755 dairy farms in the Capital Region that stand to lose \$19.1 million annually if the Australia Free Trade agreement becomes law. Over the nine years of the treaty, Capital Region dairy farms would lose over \$170 million.

County	Dairy Farms	Annual Loss	Total Loss
Albany	16	\$401,000	\$3.6 million
Rensselaer	83	\$2.1 million	\$18.7 million
Schenectady	10	\$251,000	\$2.3 million
Saratoga	51	\$1.3 million	\$11.5 million
Fulton	54	\$1.4 million	\$12.2 million
Montgomery	252	\$6.3 million	\$56.8 million
Schoharie	106	\$2.7 million	\$23.9 million
Washington	183	\$4.6 million	\$41.2 million
Capital Region	755	\$19.1 million	\$170.2 million

Central New York: There are 948 dairy farms in Central New York that stand to lose \$23.8 million annually if the Australia Free Trade agreement becomes law. Over the nine years of the treaty, Central New York dairy farms would lose almost \$214 million.

County	Dairy Farms	Annual Loss	Total Loss
Oneida	339	\$8.5 million	\$76.4 million
Oswego	80	\$2 million	\$18 million
Madison	241	\$6 million	\$54.3 million
Cortland	166	\$4.2 million	\$37.4 million
Onondaga	122	\$3.1 million	\$27.5 million
Central New York	948	\$23.8 million	\$213.6 million

Rochester and the Finger Lakes: There are 861 dairy farms in Rochester and the Finger Lakes that stand to lose \$21.7 million annually if the Australia Free Trade agreement becomes law. Over the nine years of the treaty, Rochester and the Finger Lakes dairy farms would lose almost \$194 million.

County	Dairy Farms	Annual Loss	Total Loss
Cayuga	158	\$4 million	\$35.6 million
Seneca	88	\$2.2 million	\$19.8 million
Yates	207	\$5.2 million	\$46.6 million
Ontario	116	\$2.9 million	\$26.1 million
Wayne	76	\$1.9 million	\$17.1 million
Monroe	25	\$626,000	\$5.6 million
Livingston	86	\$2.2 million	\$19.4 million
Schuyler	26	\$652,000	\$5.9 million
Tompkins	79	\$2 million	\$17.8 million
Finger Lakes	861	\$21.7 million	\$193.9 million

The Hudson Valley: There are 274 dairy farms in the Hudson Valley that stand to lose \$6.8 million

annually if the Australia Free Trade agreement becomes law. Over the nine years of the treaty, Hudson Valley dairy farms would lose almost \$62 million.

County	Dairy Farms	Annual Loss	Total Loss
Westchester	8	\$200,000	\$1.8 million
Rockland	0	\$0	\$0
Putnam	0	\$0	\$0
Dutchess	30	\$752,000	\$6.8 million
Ulster	8	\$200,000	\$1.8 million
Sullivan	48	\$1.2 million	\$10.8 million
Orange	92	\$2.3 million	\$20.7 million
Greene	35	\$877,000	\$7.9 million
Columbia	53	\$1.3 million	\$11.9 million
Hudson Valley	274	\$6.8 million	\$61.7 million

***The North Country:** There are 1,706 dairy farms in the North Country that stand to lose \$42.7 million annually if the Australia Free Trade agreement becomes law. Over the nine years of the treaty, North Country dairy farms would lose over \$384 million.*

County	Dairy Farms	Annual Loss	Total Loss
Warren	0	\$0	\$0
Essex	20	\$501,000	\$4.5 million
Clinton	156	\$3.9 million	\$35.1 million
Franklin	191	\$4.8 million	\$43 million
Hamilton	0	\$0	\$0
Herkimer	232	\$5.8 million	\$52.3 million
Jefferson	333	\$8.3 million	\$75 million
Lewis	313	\$7.8 million	\$70.5 million
St Lawrence	461	\$11.6 million	\$103.8 million
North Country	1,706	\$42.7 million	\$384.2 million

The Southern Tier: There are 1,415 dairy farms in the Southern Tier that stand to lose \$35.5 million annually if the Australia Free Trade agreement becomes law. Over the nine years of the treaty, Southern Tier dairy farms would lose almost \$319 million.

County	Dairy Farms	Annual Loss	Total Loss
Delaware	209	\$5.2 million	\$47.1 million
Otsego	297	\$7.4 million	\$66.9 million
Chenango	290	\$7.3 million	\$65.3 million
Broome	68	\$1.7 million	\$15.3 million
Tioga	99	\$2.5 million	\$22.3 million
Chemung	30	\$752,000	\$6.8 million
Steuben	280	\$7 million	\$63.1 million
Allegany	142	\$3.6 million	\$32 million
Southern Tier	1,415	\$35.5 million	\$318.8 million

Western New York: There are 1,144 dairy farms in Western New York that stand to lose \$28.7 million annually if the Australia Free Trade agreement becomes law. Over the nine years of the treaty, Western New York dairy farms would lose almost \$258 million

County	Dairy Farms	Annual Loss	Total Loss
Orleans	35	\$877,000	\$7.9 million
Genesee	109	\$2.7 million	\$24.6 million
Wyoming	243	\$6.1 million	\$54.7 million
Erie	140	\$3.5 million	\$31.5 million
Niagara	47	\$1.2 million	\$10.6 million
Cattaraugus	327	\$8.2 million	\$73.7 million
Chautauqua	243	\$6.1 million	\$54.7 million
Western New York	1,144	\$28.7 million	\$257.7 million

Source: Analysis by Schumer's office based on data from the 2002 New York State Dairy Statistics Annual Survey produced by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and estimates provided by the National Milk Producers Federation.